Prices of essential commodities

1200. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state the retail and whole sale prices of essential consumer commodities available for the last 12 months and how do they compare with those during the same months in each of the past 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): The monthly wholesale price Indices and month-end retail prices of selected commodities during the past 4 years ending October, 1986 are given at Annexure I and Annexure-II respectively. (*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 50)

Setting up of coal based Fertizer Plants

1201. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal based fertilizer plants proposed to be set up in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period together with the names of places;

(b) the expenditure incurred on Korba coal based fertilizer plants in Madhya Pradesh to date and what is the projected time schedule for its completion; and

(c) what are the impediments, if any in the completion of this plant and the manner in which Government propose to remove the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) There is no proposal to set up any coal-based fertilizer plant during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) The net expenditure incurred on the Korba fertilizer project till 30th September, 1986 was Rs 18.39 crores. The implementation of the project was initially held in abeyance due to resource constraints. It was subsequently decided that further implementation of the project should be considered only after the production, at the other two coal-based fertilizer plants at Talcher and Ramagundam, stabilises.

Improvement of slums in Madhya Pradesh

1202. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what financial allocations have been made by the Central Government during the current financal year for improvement of slums in Raipur, Jabalpur, Indore, Bhopal and Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether any study of the conditions of sulm dwellers in any of these cities has been made by the Central Government; if so, what steps have been taken on the basis of that study;

(c) if no steps have been taken what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the steps the Central Government propose to take to improve the conditions of slum dwellers in the above cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) A State Sector outlay of Rs. 185 lakhs has been provided during 1986-87 for Slum improvement in M.P. Assessment of conditions in slums in various cities and formulation and implementation of appropriate projects out of this outlay is to be done by the State Government.

(d) The Central Government provides broad policy guidelines, coordinates efforts of the State Governments and monitors the progress of

implementation. It also endeavours to arrange external assistance for appropriate schemes of State Governments. The World Bank assisted Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Project which *inter-alia* includes the towns of Raipur and Indore, has a substantial component of slum upgradation.

Progress of National Programme of Flood Control

1203. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) by when the National programme of Flood Control in the country which was launched in 1954 is schedule dto be completed.

(b) what is the achievement made so far in implementation of the National Programme of Flood Control since its inception in 1954 stating the reasons for the slow progress if any;

(c) what was the total expenditure incurred on the implementation of the programme during the Sixth Five Year Plan period as against the total allocation made during the Fifth Plan period stating the reasons for the shortfall, if any; and

(d) what is the percentage of cost escalation due to delay in the completion of the on going projects and what measures are being contemplated by Government to accelerate the progress of their completion?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) National Programme of Flood Control in the country is a continuing programme.

A reasonable degree of flood protection has been provided to an area of about 13 million ha. upto March. 1985.

(c) The expenditure incurred on the programme during the Sixth Five Year Plan period was Rs. 778.7 crores against an approved outlays of Rs. 1045.1 crores. The outlay approved during the Fifth Plan was Rs. 274.9 crores. The shortfall during the Sixth Plan was mainly due to constraint of resources with the State.

(d) Cost escalation varies from project to project for various reasons. For accelerating the progress of their completion, funding of on-going schemes is being given priority in the Seventh Plan and funds for large and inter-State schemes are being earmarked.

सभी राज्यों/संघ राज्य शासित प्रदेशों में फसल बीमा योजना का प्रारम्भ किया जाना

1204. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या फसल बीमा योजना के अन्तर्गत बैंकों से फसल ऋण न लेने वाले किसानों की भी फसलों का बीमा अनिवार्य रूप से लिया जाता है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार इस योजना को इस प्रकार कार्यान्वित करने का विचार रखती है कि जिससे ऐसे प्रत्येक किसान को, जिसकी फसल का बीमा किया हुआ होता है, उसे वास्तव में होने वाली हानि के अनुपात में क्षतिपूर्ति मिल जाये ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) देश में खरीफ, 1985 से शुरू की गई बहुत फसल बीमा योजना क्षेत्र पर आधारित योजना है। फसल की प्रायोगिक कटाई के माध्यम से होने वाली औसत उपज यदि सम्बन्धित निर्दिष्ट क्षेत्र के लिये उस फसल की निर्धारित न्यूनतम उपज के कम हो जाती है तो निर्दिष्ट क्षेत्र में वह फसल उगाने वाले सभी बीमाकृत किसान क्षतिपूर्ति के पात्र हो जाते हैं। तथापि, इस योजना में वैयक्तिक हानि के आधार पर किसानों की क्षतिपूर्ति करने का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है ।